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Dear Admiral Turner,

Just a short note to say congratulations. I was happy to hear that you have been appointed as Director of Central Intelligence, even though I lost a little wager I had made with a co-worker in "Belle Napoli", that you would be the next CNO. That was a bet I did not mind losing. The way I look at it The United States Government is not ready to lose a good man, as was the case with Admiral Zumwalt.

Well Admiral, I think I have taken up enough of your time, so I will close with a reminder; if you are ever in need of a Marine or a good communication man I am very willing to offer my services.

Please give my best regards to Mrs. Turner, and a pat on the head to Hornblower.

Respectfully,

John M. Appleton
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